GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:974
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ULFA CAMPS IN BHUTAN
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI;TARUN GOGOI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-items regarding ULFAsecret Camps in Bhutan appearing in the `Rashtriya Sahara` dated December 28, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware that some other terrorist outfits have also taken shelter in Bhutan;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to tackle the situation in the North Eastern Region?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D.SWAMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): Reports indicate that there are camps in Bhutan, which are being used by ULFA and Bodo for safehavens, sanctuary and training purposes. The matter has been taken up with Government of Bhutan. The King of Bhutan has assured that Bhutan will not allow negative elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to the interests of India.